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SCHOOL CLOSURE—WITHOUT FORMAL EXERCISES.

Students will be requested to stand examination before entering high school.

Owing to the late start made by the school last fall, causing the term to continue so long into the hot season, and from the lack of facilities for rehearsals in the present school building, it was decided to have no formal closing exercises this year except the final examinations.

These examinations began Monday morning and last throughout the week. Certificates of promotion will be conferred on those having attained the standard required Friday morning, and then the school will be closed for this scholastic year. The trustees have decided that those pupils who are unable to present these promotion certificates at the beginning of next term, shall be required to pass an entrance examination, the equivalent of the final tests given at the close of the present term, to be admitted to any grade next session.

By a recent act of the County Board, entrance to the high schools can be obtained only upon certificates from the County Superintendent, certifying to the pupil's having passed successfully an examination prepared and graded under the supervision of the County Board. The beneficial effect of this new rule will be to exclude many from the High School who have heretofore been admitted, incapable of doing high school work. This effort of the County Board in demanding thoroughness, deserves to be commended.

1905 CENSUS.

The enumeration for the 1905 census which was commenced in July, 1905, has been placed before the people with the exception of the counties of Dade, Escambia and Orange. Omitting these counties, the census shows a population of 556,000 and to add the population of the three missing counties at a conservative estimate, the population of the state would exceed 600,000, against 483,500 turned in by the enumeration in 1900—or more than 166,000 increase in five years, while Jacksonville is the largest city in Florida, and the gateway into the state, immigration seems to be drifting southward, as Hillsborough, of which Tampa is the capital, is the most populous county in the state, the majority of the population of Duval county is negroes, which cannot be said of the counties in South Florida.

AN ALL-NIGHT BANK.

The first "all-night bank" in the world has just been opened for business in New York City. It will keep open for business all the time except Sundays, and is equipped with safety vaults that will also be kept open day and night. The idea seems to have been so unique that the opening of the bank, received a vast amount of advertising in the news columns of the papers. Just why a bank should not keep open twenty-four hours a day has not been explained. The interest you have to pay the bank keeps working every hour in the day, and on the ground that work is worth its equivalent it may be only right that the bank should work as long hours as its interest accounts.—Ex.

COMMENCEMENT RECITAL.

By Miss Fulk's School of Music at the Opera House, Friday, May 25th.

Part one rendered by the school. Part two will consist of numerous piano, violin and vocal selections by Arcadia's talented musicians, assisted by Harry Goldstein, Punta Gorda's noted violinist.

Certificates will be awarded those who have completed the prescribed course.

Admission fee of twenty cents for adults and ten cents for children, will be charged to help defray expenses of the entertainment.

AFTER THE SKIRMISH.

The smoke of the first skirmish has cleared away and we find W. H. Hooker in charge of the anti-division forces; the enemy was routed, but they have sent for the reserves and will make another charge, on June 12th. It behooves every loyal soldier of the anti-division forces to stand firm and be loyal, if you will but do this after the smoke of the battle of June 12th has cleared away, you will see that the division forces have met their "Waterloo" and been swept from the field.

THE SIMMONS, LANGFORD & CO. BANK BUILDING.

Simmons, Langford and Co., are just in receipt of the plans for their new bank building. The plans were made by Bonfoey and McCormick, of Tampa and Arcadia, and outline one of the handsomest, three-story, concrete block buildings in South Florida. The structure will be located on the corner of Oak street and DeSoto avenue, and will have, on the ground floor, the banking department and four stores. The second and third stories will be used for a hotel, having an entrance on Oak street and DeSoto avenue. The hotel will have thirty rooms exclusive of the dining-room, kitchen and parlor, and will be provided with the latest improved elevator.

The building will be constructed of concrete blocks, having columns of solid crown stone, and panels of gray stone. All of the stones will have plate glass fronts and bracket awnings, and will be one of the most complete and up-to-date buildings in South Florida, and the company deserve a great deal of credit for their push and energy. They have shown good judgment in their selection of the above architects, as they are men of large experience in this class of construction and judging from the plans they have submitted, their experience has proven a great success for them. The company will receive bids, May 26th and hope to have the building finished by the first of October.

IN MAYOR'S COURT.

Geo. Knowles, disorderly, \$7, and costs.

I. Silva, disorderly, discharged; A. B. Coker, disorderly, discharged; Russell King, disorderly, discharged; Tom Alderman, disorderly, discharged; W. C. Hooker, disorderly, discharged; Hollis Hayman, disorderly, discharged; Oscar Tysen, petit larceny, discharged.

G. H. Gross, drunk and disorderly, and using profane language, forfeited \$10.00 bond.

Willford Abritton, using profane language, \$2, and cost.

Jas. Suple, profane language and fighting, \$5, and cost.

F. D. Douglass, profane language and fighting, \$5, and cost.

Josh Kitchen, lewd conduct, \$7.00 and cost; Rosa Burs, lewd conduct, \$7.00 and cost; Sam Salley, lewd conduct, \$7.00 and cost; Mariah Gray, lewd conduct, \$7.00 and cost; Jas. Hillard, lewd conduct, \$7.00 and cost; Charrity Jones, lewd conduct, \$7.00 and cost.

JUDGE PEEPLES' JOKE.

Judge Peeples of Tampa, says that whenever he hears one candidate abusing his opponent, it reminds him of the story of the drunk man who went in church, staggering up the aisle. The preacher stopped in his discourse and said: "My friend, I will testify against you at the judgment bar."

"All right, Parson," responded the drunken man, "just crack your whip. I have practiced law 25 years and my experience is that the biggest sounders are the first to turn State's evidence.—Ex.

While Jacksonville is the largest city in the state, the county of Hillsborough is the most populous county in the state. Immigration seems to be drifting southward.

UNION PICNIC.

By the Several Sunday Schools of Arcadia.

On Saturday the 19th, there will be a picnic at the 6th picnic grounds near Peace River Bridge, at Arcadia. It will be a union picnic given by the several Sunday Schools of Arcadia. Everybody is cordially invited to attend, and take a well-filled basket. Plenty of free lemonade will be served at the grounds.

PERSONAL.

H. C. Sparkman, the advertiser man from Zolfo, came down to Arcadia Wednesday night on business.

Our fellow townsman, Miles Sails, who has been confined to his room for about twelve days, is able to be out again to the gratification of his many friends.

Drs. J. W. and W. B. Bean, who, with their families, have been spending a week with Rev. B. M. Bean, left Thursday morning to return to their homes in Arkansas.

Mrs. J. N. Parker, of Punta Gorda, accompanied by her two little boys, Herman and Lyman, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Arcadia, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Levi McCullers.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Fort Ogden came up Wednesday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. J. L. Jones. She returned to Fort Ogden Thursday evening.

F. E. Childers, who is spending awhile at Gainesville on business matters, came down Tuesday to vote against the all-important issue—county division. He returned to Gainesville Tuesday evening.

Now that W. H. Hooker has proven himself the strongest anti-division candidate in the race, it behooves every anti-division man to rally to his support, and do all that they can to elect him to the office of representative.

Sheriff Freeman received the highest vote of any candidate in the race. The next highest vote was polled for tax collector, Will C. Langford. R. E. Brown won the race for county judge in the first primary with two opponents.

Chester A. Blount, of Punta Gorda, came up to the County Capital Wednesday evening to bring the ballot box. They had it well filled with division votes in this and other precincts in the County. Out count them—Guess you'll have to wait awhile, gentlemen before you divide the County.

A party composed of Rev. B. M. Bean and wife, Dr. J. W. Bean and wife, of Wenton, Arkansas, Dr. W. B. Bean and wife, of LaGrange, Arkansas, and Miss Fannie Bean, went to Punta Gorda Tuesday and spent the day there fishing and seeing the town and people, and on Wednesday went on down the line to Fort Myers and spent a short while in that beautiful little town, returning to Arcadia Wednesday evening, well pleased with what they had seen.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued in County Judge's office for the past two weeks: Mr. Neill Wright and Miss Annie Wright, Mr. F. S. Fuller and Miss Fannie Minton, Mr. Henry G. Johnson and Miss Annie Morton, Mr. Reubin Douglass and Miss Ida Johns, Mr. John H. Anderson and Miss Mary Ann Powers, Mr. John A. McClelland and Miss Donna Odum.

Sam Salley and Miah Green (colored), James Hillard and Charity Jones (colored), Henry Frederick and Dora Neally (colored).

Today's soreness is the result of yesterday's smartness.—Ram's Horn.

THE PRIMARY.

At this writing it is impossible to give our readers the official returns of the May 15th primary, however, we submit here the names of the candidates and the number of votes for each candidate as near as we can learn.

For Representative in Congress, Stephen M. Sparkman, 874.

Justice of the Supreme Court, Thos. L. Clark, 458; Charles B. Parkhill, 562; James B. Whitfield, 552.

For Railroad Commissioner, Thomas J. Appleyard, 457; Ed B. Bailey, 373; Newton A. Blitch, 665; R. Hudson Burr, 565.

For State's Attorney, Herbert S. Phillips, 971.

For Representative, J. B. Cochran, 516; W. H. Hooker, 963; A. P. Jordan, 749.

For County Judge, R. E. Brown, 846; Lee M. Hammel, 423; Jas. Phelon, 220.

For Sheriff, A. C. Freeman, 1,391.

For Tax Assessor, F. M. Cooper, 1,182.

For Tax Collector, Will C. Langford, 1,205.

For Treasurer, Jas. A. Hendry, 1,178.

For Registration Officer, H. A. Ellis, 872.

There are still six of the outlying districts to be heard from. We give you this in totals this week, however, next week after the official count, we will print in a tabulated account showing the number of votes received by each candidate in each precinct.

Home-Grown Peaches.

The season of our delicious home-grown peaches will be with us in a few weeks and we will appreciate an article from various housekeepers as to methods used in canning, preserving and pickling peaches.

Let us exchange ideas that will be of benefit to each other.

Two Orange Recipes.

Orange Bavarian Cream. Soak one-half box of gelatine in one-half cup of cold water, then dissolve in one-half cup of boiling water, add one-half cup of sugar. When cool add two cups of orange juice and pulp. When beginning to jelly stir in one pint of stiffly whipped cream. Beat until stiff enough to mold. Pour into a wetted mold and serve with cream.

Orange Shortcake. Remove the skin and bitter white covering of three oranges; slice lengthwise, rejecting the seeds and tough center. Add the juice of half a lemon and powdered sugar to sweeten, then stand aside until needed. About half an hour before serving mix and sift together two cups of sifted flour, two tablespoons of sugar and one tablespoon of baking powder. With the tips of the fingers work in a fourth of a cup of butter, then mix to a soft dough with two-thirds of a cup of milk. Spread the mixture evenly over a well-buttered layer cakepan, brush the top with melted butter, sprinkle with a tablespoon of sugar and bake at once in a quick oven. Whip one cup of rich cream until stiff, add a fourth of a cup of sugar and flavor with vanilla. When the shortcake is done turn it into a pudding dish, cover with the oranges and heap the whipped cream roughly over all. Serve at once.—Good Housekeeping.

Five Dainty Desserts.

Apricot Charlotte.—To one ounce of soaked gelatine add a pint of preserved apricots pressed through a sieve. Allow the mixture to get thoroughly cold, and when it begins to thicken, add a quart of cream that has been sweetened with a scant half cup of powdered sugar and whipped until stiff. Line a deep dish with slices of sponge cake or with lady fingers, pour in the apricots and cream and place on the ice to chill.

Easter Pudding.—Place a large nest of cooled gelatine in a glass bowl. Mold some blanc mange in eggshells, having enough to fill the nest, and place around them some strips of finely shredded citron or of lemon peel to represent straws.

Coffee Souffle.—Into a double boiler

put one and one-half cups of strong coffee, half a cup of milk, one heaping teaspoonful of gelatine and a quarter of a cup of sugar. When it begins to boil add the well-beaten yolks of two eggs, remove from the fire and stir in the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Place on the ice to harden and serve with plain or whipped cream.

Velvet Cream.—Into one cup of wine put a box of gelatine and place over a little of boiling water until thoroughly dissolved. Sweeten a quart of cream with one cup of sugar, pour into it the dissolved gelatine, strain and put into a mold to harden.

Banana Pudding.—Fill a glass dish with alternate layers of slices of sponge cake and sliced bananas. Make a soft custard, flavor with wine and pour over it. Beat the whites of the eggs used for the custard into a stiff froth and heap over the top of the dish.—Ex.

Styles and Color of Shoes.

Colors in shoes are becoming more and more noticeable and consequently more popular.

There are purple shoes and blue shoes, red shoes and shoes in all shades of green.

In material there are duck and canvas and patent leather, suede, velvet and cloth.

A stunning shoe has a vamp of patent leather, with a top of bright red cloth, made to represent an overgaiter, even to the strap underneath the instep, a style that was introduced last fall.

Many of the new pumps, particularly those of colored leather, have instead of a flat bow, one made of a twist of the same leather as that of which the shoe is made.

The newest wrinkle in Oxford ties is a shoe that is laced at one side instead of in front.

Rhinestones decorate some of the new evening slippers. One style has a single stone on the vamp, while a stunning slipper of gray suede has a number of rhinestones set into the Louis Quinze heel.

Pumps of all colors are seen, not only in canvas and ordinary kid, but in a leather that has a mottled appearance quite like that of shopping bags and purses.

In children's shoes one of the most popular styles has a vamp of patent leather with upper of white kid.—Ex.

The Mystery Hunt.

Have you ever joined in a Mystery Hunt? It is an excellent game to break up any stiffness or shyness in a social gathering, writes Mildred Norman in Zion's Herald. Arrange as many trails as there are guests. Use ordinary twine, or try balls of different colors. The trails are arranged in a haphazard way, the cord being carried in various directions and twisted about various objects to hold it—now a chair, now a table, a door knob, out into the hall, around the stair railing, under a door, up to a window, back of a couch, etc. Each line must lead to quite a different termination. The intersection of the trails bring the guests into a merry contact, and they are obliged to dive under and over each other's trails.

At the end of each trail a package is to be attached. It may be of any size or shape. It may contain anything, from a pin to a pin cushion, a wafer, cookie, apple, nut, bonbon, or a box of bonbons and a bag of nuts, or any nonsensical thing or pretty ornament, or bit of fancy work. The package may be made up in shapes and sizes entirely unlike the contents.

Each one, on finding the package at the end of his line, is to take it to the meeting place agreed upon, or the starting place, and when all are gathered the packages are to be opened one at a time.

The game may be made very interesting and lengthened by having a topic for conversation fastened at the end of each line, or the guests can be instructed at the start that they are to converse about the article they find, or the topic may be enclosed with the article.—Ex.

The Coming Celery Industry.

The Reporter-Star thinks that as good celery can be grown about Orlando as at Sanford. It says:

In our local news notes a few days ago, we published the fact that the first carload of Orlando grown celery had been shipped from this station. Thereby hangs a tale worth the telling.

There has been a notion among many amateur gardeners that Orlando is not a locality suited to the growing of crops for market gardening. These men and town knockers generally stand about on the streets and pump newcomers full of what cannot be done so that good practical farmers, who do not know the conditions in Florida, are afraid to undertake planting a crop for fear of failure. There has been considerable of this sort of mischief played about Orlando much to our injury.

For years the editor of this paper has believed and published in the newspapers and in pamphlets that the soil about Orlando, if selected for the special crops desired to be grown, is as good as any in the state and that its very variety offers opportunity for diversified crops not found in some places. It is true that trials have been made along certain lines, generally in a small and uncertain way, and there have been failures but when sifted down these failures were because of the man behind the scheme.

About three years ago, Mr. Herman Hillman arrived in Orlando, from New Jersey, where he had been doing market gardening on a large scale. He proposed to try it somewhere about this city as a winter venture. He was favored with the same doubtful advice as many another has received but he is made of sturdier stuff and is not easily knocked out. He secured a lot on the north side of Lake Eola and went to work. The first year under an unfavorable season he made a success of lettuce growing and returned to New Jersey in the spring well repaid for his labor. This year he secured a larger lot and added celery to his crops with the result that large shipments have gone forward by express and one solid car has been sent to market, and another car will follow it.

Now, of all the crops celery was especially tabooed by the croaker. "It could not possibly be grown in this locality." But there it is and no finer celery is grown anywhere. By comparison with that grown in some other places it is superior. It is somewhat more dense and possesses that rich nutty flavor so much sought for in this delectable vegetable. Many of the bunches grown by Mr. Hillman, weigh from three to three and a half pounds each.

This thorough demonstration of what can be done here, is about to result in extended planting next year. Several gardeners have the example of Sanford growers, who have become well off at the business, will have its effect. The largest celery farm to be operated here the coming season will be on the site of Russell's former pinery, where seven acres of land will be prepared for a crop. A drainage well will be sunk and water will be piped from a nearby lake and in every respect this farm will be arranged with the best care to produce a crop under the most favorable conditions. We are told that we need not be surprised if fourteen or fifteen cars of celery should be sent out of Orlando next season.

This will be refreshing news to our people. It is the beginning of a new industrial era for Orlando. Demonstrate to a certainty that this can be accomplished on a large scale and we soon will have hundreds of practical farmers looking about for a profitable venture. In this way the dismal croak of the pessimist and the evil genius can easily be counteracted.

An indication of the prosperity of the southern part of the county as a fruit growing section, it may be mentioned that, besides a large variety of other fruits, Messrs. Kosel, Myers and Plummer, of the Homestead country, have recently planted out some hundred peach trees each, as peaches have been proven to be adapted to that section.—Miami Record.

VOTE FOR W. H. HOOKER

FOR REPRESENTATIVE on June 12th.

It is Division or Anti-Division, Every Other Question Has Been Eliminated.